

Back-Roads
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Experience the road less travelled

WITH THE EXPERTS IN SMALL GROUP TOURING

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UK &
EUROPE

SMALL GROUP TOURS

UP TO
• 18 •
GUESTS



*Welcome to the
road less travelled...*

Picture a touring holiday that delves a bit deeper.

One that doesn't simply drop by top sights and major cities, but welcomes you to experience a destination through the eyes of the people who know it best: the locals who call it home. Where journeys are made for absorbing never-to-be-forgotten views, not darting from A to B. And each day ends in hand-picked accommodation brimming with local charm.

At Back-Roads Touring, we've been creating these kinds of small group tours for almost 40 years. We know that the best kind of adventure introduces you to local experiences and sights while providing you with the time and space to explore independently.

The key ingredient? Welcoming Tour Leaders who turn an exciting getaway into something extraordinary. They'll inspire you to fully immerse yourself in the local culture, traditions and surroundings of each destination. From sharing the secrets behind the UK's grand stately homes to revealing the perfect positions to watch the sunset over France's lush vineyards, their contagious passion and expert knowledge will make your travel experience truly special.

All the while, you can be confident that your Back-Roads tour is being run responsibly and with sustainable tourism in mind. In fact, our commitment to green practices has earned us a Silver Green Tourism rating.

Turn the page to explore our tours of the UK and Europe – and discover the Back-Roads Difference.

Pienza, Italy



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The Back-Roads Difference

Enjoy the company of a small group

With small group sizes of no more than 18 people, you can expect a more personalised touring experience. And with like-minded travellers at your side, you'll find that a journey shared is a journey best enjoyed.



Feed your curiosity

Stories waiting to be unravelled. Secrets waiting to be revealed. Fascinating cultures, delicious flavours and unexplored terrain. Feed your curiosity and embark on a voyage of discovery with Back-Roads – and let the new and exciting take centre stage.



Embrace the view

Immerse yourself in nature on uplifting journeys through evocative landscapes. From rolling hills and swathes of forest to shimmering coasts and soaring mountains, breathtaking views lie around every corner when you take the scenic route.

Bringing destinations to life through personal touches and local knowledge.



Troyes, France

Discover a local way of life

There's no better way to understand the essence of a destination than by meeting the people who call it home. Learn traditional crafts, stories and recipes as you venture off the tourist trail and behind the scenes with exclusive local experiences.



Savour each moment

Slow the pace and take it all in; there's plenty of time to enjoy each step of the journey. Whether you're touring a historic home, enjoying a meal or indulging in a wine tasting session, you can do so safe in the knowledge that you won't be rushed.



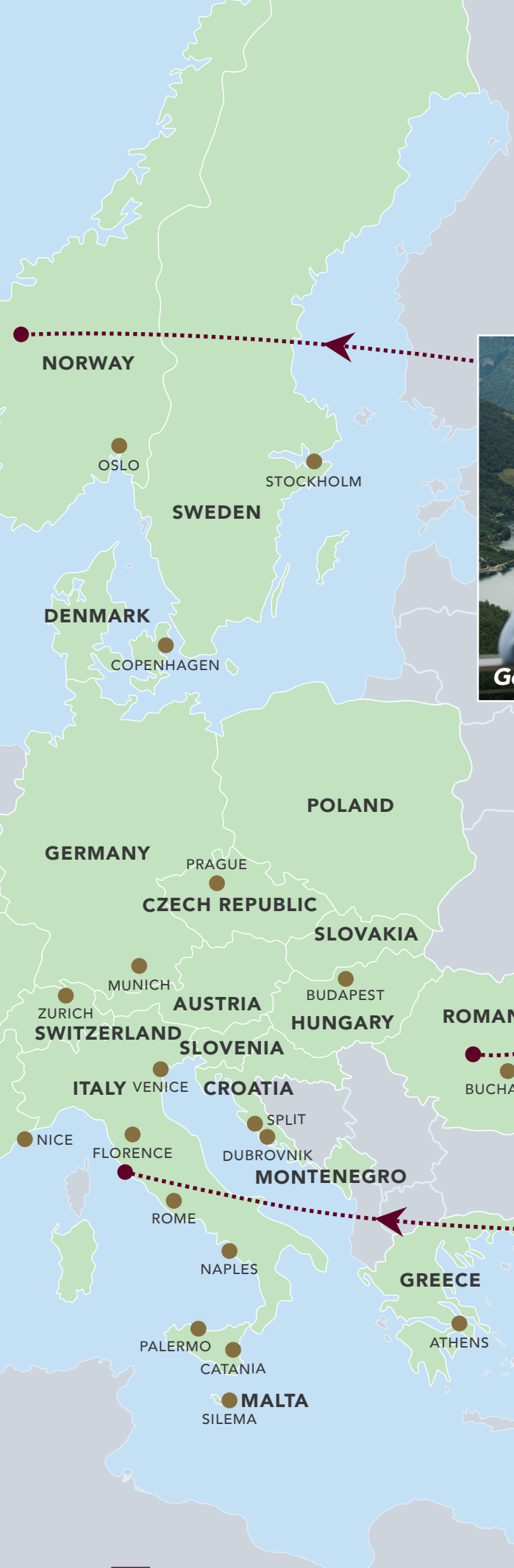
Guided by the best

Insightful, attentive and passionate, our Tour Leaders will unlock the experiences that make your Back-Roads tour truly special – from adding personal touches to your itinerary to bringing destinations to life with their local knowledge.

Where we go



The cities shown on the map are the start and/or end locations of our tours.



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Bran, Romania

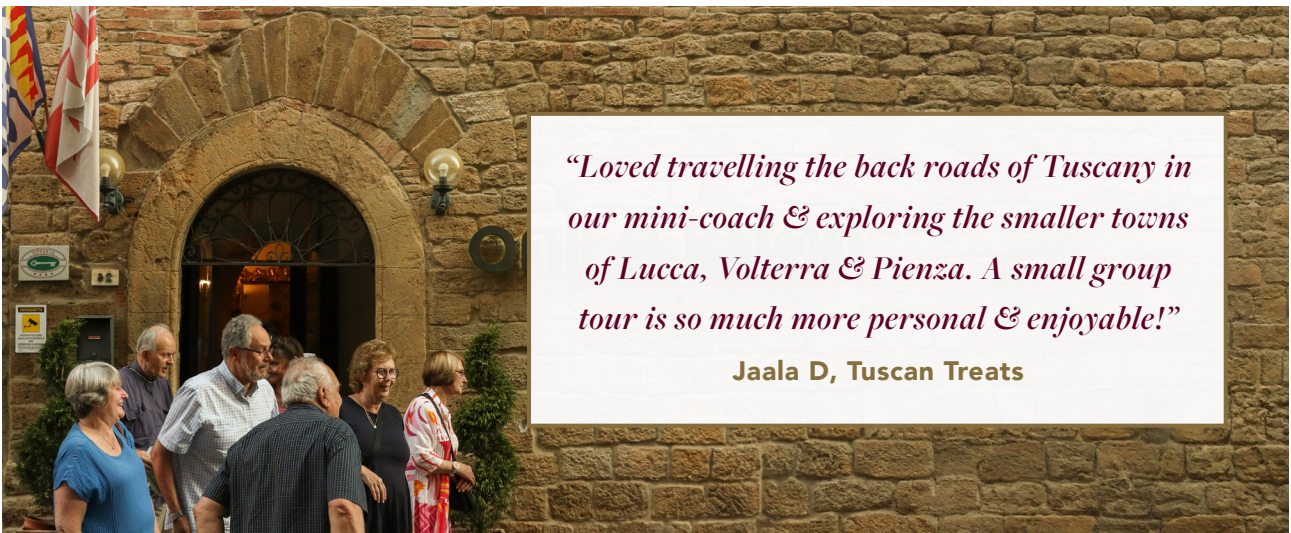


Lucca, Italy

Travelling in a small group

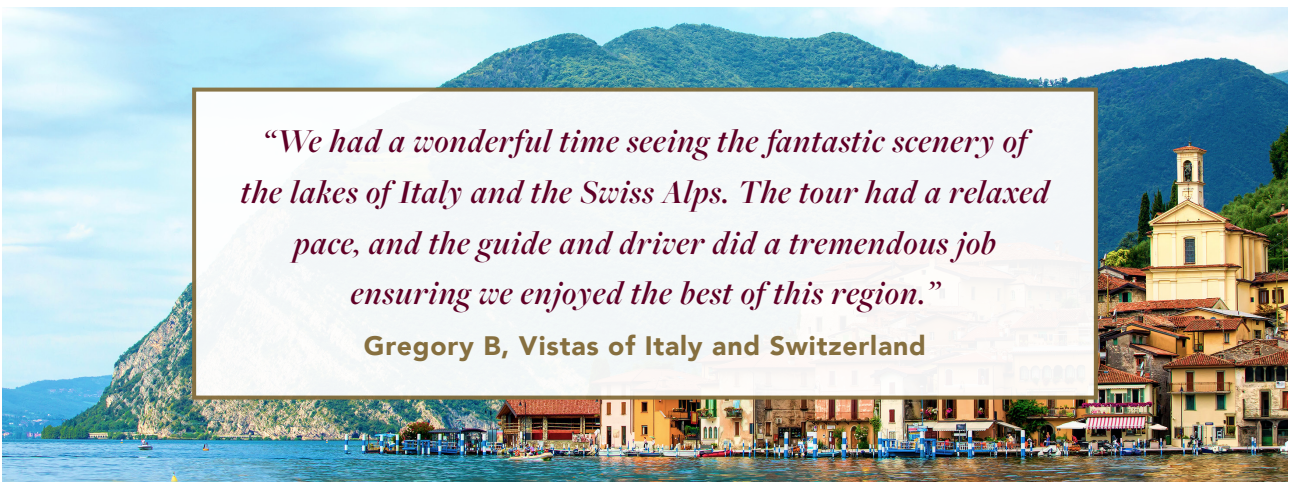
Welcome to your new travel community

On a tour with Back-Roads, you can expect a maximum of 18, and an average of 15, guests – ranging from couples, small groups and independent travellers. You'll join other like-minded guests, a passionate local Tour Leader and a highly experienced driver on a scenic adventure, making friendships you'll cherish forever. There's plenty of flexibility and free time to spend as you please too, whether that's with the group or exploring solo.



Welcome to the road less travelled

With the promise of a more leisurely style and the flexibility to go anywhere a car can, we're able to traverse through beautiful scenery along the UK and Europe's back roads. During our journey, we'll travel to tiny villages and into the heart of remote areas, stopping at places of interest as we go.



Welcome to a more personal style of touring

Every Back-Roads journey is guided by a passionate and knowledgeable Tour Leader. From your historic intrigue for local lore to your desire for authentic seafood, they'll share stories, secrets and insightful recommendations that will enrich your adventure. Our small group size also allows Tour Leaders to tailor elements of the tour based on the preferences of our guests, meaning a much more personal experience.

“Our Tour Leader was a local with a lot of knowledge of the places we visited who provided a personal touch along the way. He fine-tuned the tour to suit the interests and needs of the group, which only added to our experience.”

Catherine L, Corners of Cornwall



Our small group tours are truly extraordinary – but don't just take it from us. Keep a look out for even more glowing guest reviews from Feefo where we proudly hold a 4.6 star rating.

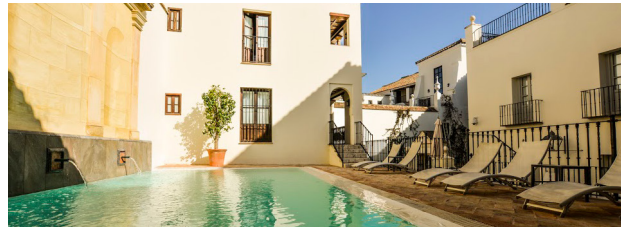
Cornwall, England

Hand-picked accommodation

Las Casas de la Judeira, Córdoba

Step back in time at this historic hotel lodged inside five wonderfully restored townhouses. It's ideally positioned just steps from Córdoba's magnificent Mesquita and offers a selection of uniquely decorated rooms. During your stay, you'll tuck into daily breakfasts in Las Casas de la Judeira's beautiful courtyard.

Tour: **Iberian Inspiration**



Villa Borghese, Gréoux-les-Bains

Tucked away in the charming Provençal town of Gréoux-les-Bains, Villa Borghese is perfect for those seeking relaxation and mouth-watering gourmet cuisine. As well as embracing sweeping views of the Luberon massif, you'll savour a sumptuous dinner at the hotel's fine dining restaurant.

Tour: **Provence and the French Riviera** and **Paris to Nice through Vineyards and Mountains**

A glimpse of our characterful accommodation, hand-picked for their local charm.



The Mulberry Inn, Denbighshire

A rural bolthole set amidst the natural beauty of Wales' Ceiriog Valley, The Mulberry Inn isn't only wonderfully comfortable and effortlessly charming – it's also the perfect base from which to explore the soul-stirring sights of Snowdonia National Park (with a delicious menu to await your return).

Tour: **Highlights of Britain**



Hotel Antico Convento dei Cappuccini, Ragusa

This peaceful hilltop hotel on the fringes of picture-perfect Ragusa is brimming with history and intrigue. The rural retreat forms part of a restored 16th-century convent and each of its rooms has been thoughtfully designed, with spectacular vistas of ancient cloisters and the lush Sicilian countryside. Tour: **Splendours of Sicily**



Cahernane House Hotel, Killarney

History and luxury intertwine with this 19th-century manor house. Revived into a lavish hotel, its Victorian heritage is evident throughout with glass atriums, antique furniture and a traditional drawing room. Nestled on a private estate, it's ideal for those seeking serenity after a day of exploring.

Tour: **Corners of Southern Ireland**

Discover a local way of life

Browse the stalls at Catania's famous Fish Market

Catania's Pescheria is famed for stocking wonderfully fresh seafood – from swordfish to urchins and mussels. Situated a stone's throw from Piazza del Duomo, there's no better place to experience local Sicilian life.

Tour: **Splendours of Sicily**

Embark on an olive oil experience in Portugal

Discover rural Portugal's scenic delights on a visit to a family-owned olive grove near Tomar. After gaining a unique insight into the cultivation process, you'll have the chance to taste some local olive oil. Delicioso!

Tour: **Discover Portugal**

Follow in the footsteps of a French oyster farmer

Alongside the Atlantic Ocean's glistening waters, learn of an ancestral profession performed by local oyster farmers. You'll then savour this magnificent French delicacy during a tasting. Bon appétit!

Tour: **Jewels of Southwest France**

Sample local treats at Freiberg's farmer's market

Make like the locals and head for Freiberg's charming farmer's market in historic Münsterplatz. You'll see stalls laden with artisanal delights and sample several regional specialties – from sweet treats to homemade cheeses.

Tour: **A Journey through Germany**



Hollókő, Hungary



Explore the UNESCO World Heritage village of Hollókő

Step back in time at this impeccably preserved Hungarian village. Admire Hollókő's quaint 13th-century buildings and the traditional culture of its native Palóc people before sitting down for a sumptuous meal in a local's home.

Tour: **Explore Eastern Europe**

Sip home-made cider & calvados in Normandy

Venture along the historic Route du Cidre in rural Normandy, stopping off at a local calvados producer. You'll enjoy a guided stroll through pretty orchards before sipping a selection of crisp ciders and heady calvados.

Tour: **La Belle France**



Experience a traditional Scottish dinner in Dumfries

Relish a memorable farewell dinner in the Scottish Borders featuring traditional delicacies like haggis, neeps and tatties. You'll also be treated to an atmospheric bagpipe performance from a talented local musician.

Tour: **Highlights of Britain**



Visit a local salmon farm in Hardangerfjord

Savour a unique educational and culinary experience at a floating salmon farm on Norway's breathtaking Hardangerfjord. Learn about local farming traditions and indulge in some fresh salmon straight from its source.

Tour: **Norway: Fjords & Glaciers**

This icon depicts our Signature Moments; see page 20 for more information. 

Feed your curiosity

Learn how to cook like a Greek in Naxos

At a family farm, aromas of exquisite cheeses and marmalades will invite you to begin your cookery lesson. Unveil local secrets as you learn how to make traditional dishes. Afterwards, enjoy lunch, sharing anecdotes of the morning's culinary venture.

Tour: **Greece: Legends and Landscapes**



Take part in a tagine cooking class

Uncover the secrets of a traditional Moroccan tagine with a cooking class ran by a local women's cooperative. Afterwards, savour the rich flavours as you sample your own creations.

Tour: **Majestic Morocco**



Experience wine tasting with local treats in Kent

Enjoy a relaxing pit stop at a winery estate in the charming town of Tenterden. Sample the local tipples and tuck into a delicious tasting board, designed to complement the wines perfectly.

Tour: **Kent: the Garden of England**



★ Enjoy a picnic in an olive grove in Provence

Dine beneath the trees in a local olive grove in Provence. Clink glasses and share stories as you indulge in traditional Provençal delicacies whilst soaking up the glorious surroundings.

Tour: Provence and the French Riviera



★ Try afternoon tea in the Cotswolds

Enjoy an indulgent afternoon at a 15th-century family home in the Cotswolds. Sip a cup of tea or two and savour a selection of freshly baked sweet treats in a charming setting.

Tour: Heart of England

Visit a local Swiss chocolatier for a tasting

Satisfy your sweet tooth with a visit to a Swiss chocolatier in Lucerne. Delve into the chocolate-making process before relishing the rich and creamy flavours of the local delight with a tasting.

Tour: Mountains, Valleys and Lakes of Switzerland



Guided by the best

Welcome to Back-Roads: where every journey is led by **passionate** and **exceptionally experienced** Tour Leaders. From providing a warm welcome to sharing their abundance of **local knowledge**, they're here to make your journey **extraordinary**.

LOCAL EXPERTS.

Our Tour Leaders are experts in the local customs and traditions of the places you visit, meaning you'll enjoy a deeper cultural immersion.

SKILLED LINGUISTS.

Together, our Tour Leaders speak over 25 different languages. Their exceptional linguistic skills allow things to run smoothly on the road.

SEASONED GUIDES.

With decades of invaluable experience, Back-Roads Tour Leaders are true experts in leading memorable tours.

UNIQUELY TALENTED.

Our Tour Leaders are bursting with unique talents, from bagpipe playing to backgrounds in ancient history, which they gladly share to help personalise your tour.



Passionate and knowledgeable,
our Tour Leaders make your
European escape truly special.



Maura Cahill

Can you share a highlight of one of your recent Emerald Isle tours?

"There were two gentlemen on tour that were bikers, so a big highlight for them was the Joey Dunlop Memorial Garden (which was not on the itinerary). They really appreciated going there and it was very special for them."

Giovanni Braida

What's the most rewarding part of your job?

"Being able to share my passion and sense of adventure exploring less trodden paths. It's also a delight when the guests in my groups become friends and genuinely enjoy each other's company."



Maxime Giron

How do you create authentic moments for your guests?

"To create an authentic moment, nothing beats chatting with locals to get the little story between the lines of the big history. And, on these occasions, language is never a problem because passion translates in every language!"

Nicholas Battaglia

What's your most memorable travel moment as a Tour Leader?

"I organised an aperitivo on the beach of Lake Maggiore with some wine, focaccia, cold cuts and the truffles hunted the day before. It was not planned, and we had so much fun. It was so simple, but we stayed there laughing and having fun for hours."



Signature Moments

We invite you to explore our Signature Moments collection, extraordinary experiences that elevate your journey along the road less travelled. Each tour has one, whether that's a **unique accommodation** stay, a visit to a **lesser-known attraction** or a **memorable local experience**. Which will you discover first?

★ Experience a Pierogi making class.

Take tips from a chef at a local restaurant in Kraków as you learn how to make Pierogi dumplings, a delicious local delicacy. Then, devour an authentic Polish dinner made up of your delicious creations. Discover during our **Explore Eastern Europe** tour.

"We had a fabulous tour. I particularly enjoyed making the dumplings" - Julie S

★ Stay overnight at Kilronan Castle.

Snooze like royalty in this 18th-century castle set within fifty acres of lush gardens. You'll stay in a wonderfully restored bedroom and have access to luxurious leisure facilities, including an indoor swimming pool and sauna. Discover during our **The Emerald Isle** tour.

"The stay at Kilronan Castle is hard to beat" - Erika E

★ Stay two nights in charming Honfleur.

Explore one of Normandy's captivating towns during a relaxing two-night stopover. At your own leisure, take in the bustling traditional market, discover historical buildings and wander along the vibrant 17th-century harbour. Discover during our **La Belle France** tour.

"We enjoyed every day, but Honfleur was wonderful" - Paulina & Phil G



Honfleur, France

★ Stay overnight on the Isle of Mull.

Venture to this breathtaking island for the night and soak up its incredible natural beauty. During your stay, you'll hop over to nearby Iona: a tiny car-free island that's famed for its tranquillity and ancient ruined monastery. Discover during our **A Scottish Journey** tour.

"My tour highlights include Crathes Castle, Culloden, and the majestic Isle of Mull" - Carol Lynne H



★ Visit a family-owned winery in Valdepeñas.

Savour full-bodied wines this region of Spain has to offer. You'll also tuck into a delicious lunch - prepared with local ingredients by the family - on the winery's shaded patio. Discover during our **Iberian Inspiration** tour.

"The cultural experiences including the sherry tasting, the pig farm and factory, flamenco dancing and the wine tasting add so much to the whole experience" - Sue & Mike P



★ Visit the tea plantation at Tregothnan Estate.

Enjoy a guided tour of Britain's first tea plantation, including a stroll around the estate's lush gardens and rare plum orchards. You'll then sample a selection of black teas accompanied by traditional cream tea. Discover during our **Corners of Cornwall** tour.

"The tea plantation at Tregothnan was a pleasure, particularly due to the people who guided us around the estate. It was unexpectedly fascinating" - Julie C



Combinable tours

Many of our tours begin and end in the same city – meaning you can move from one adventure to the next in just a day or two.

Traverse mystical lochs in Scotland, followed by lush landscapes in Britain. Or unearth ancient traditions in Spain before exploring Gothic cities in Portugal.

Are you ready to **extend your extraordinary escape?**

Discover even more popular combinable tours on our website.



UNITED KINGDOM

⊕ 11 day Highlights of Britain
10 day A Scottish Journey



SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

⊕ 12 day Iberian Inspiration
10 day Discover Portugal



ITALY AND THE ADRIATIC

- ⊕ 13 day Italian Indulgence
- 10 day Adriatic Discovery: Northern Italy, Slovenia and Croatia



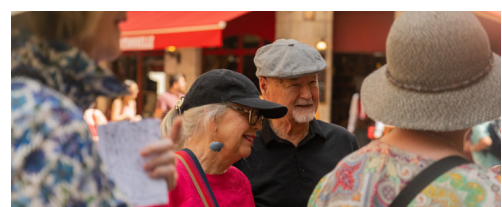
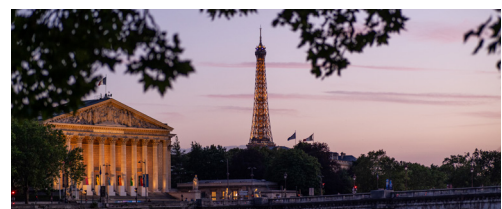
ENGLAND

- ⊕ 8 day Corners of Cornwall
- 7 day Kent: Garden of England



FRANCE

- ⊕ 12 day Paris to Nice through Vineyards and Mountains
- 8 day Provence and the French Riviera



UK and Ireland



What our guests say...

"We really loved this tour and in particular that it covered the north and south of Ireland. So many good experiences, from the natural scenery to the organised venues. I loved Giants Causeway, Cliffs of Moher, Dingle Peninsula, Titanic Museum, Black Cab Tour of Belfast, Doagh Famine Village, Blasket Centre. It was so interesting learning the history of Ireland and all the locations tied it all together perfectly."

Marie A

THE EMERALD ISLE

Dingle, Peninsula

The Emerald Isle

13 DAYS • 12 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

From north to south, this is one Irish journey that delves into the Emerald Isle's fascinating history, rich traditions and cultural heritage like no other. Starting with the legendary Giant's Causeway, our road will lead us to Ireland's rugged peninsulas, quaint villages and ancient landmarks – all while drawing on local knowledge to transport you to the heart of this captivating country.



 Tour Start/End Point  Overnight Stop  Day Stop



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover Northern Ireland's history on a Black Cab Tour of Belfast's street art and political murals
- Set foot on the basalt columns of the legendary Giant's Causeway
- Be blessed with the 'gift of the gab' while visiting the iconic Blarney Castle

SIGNATURE MOMENT

 *Stay overnight at Kilronan Castle*

Snooze like royalty in this lavish 18th-century castle in County Roscommon set within fifty acres of lush gardens. You'll stay in a selection of wonderfully restored bedrooms and have access to luxurious leisure facilities, including an indoor swimming pool and sauna.

INCLUDED MEALS

12 breakfasts, 6 dinners

DEPARTURE DATES

Mar - Oct

Combine this tour with...

- *Corners of Southern Ireland*

For full details, up-to-date availability, pricing and reviews, please see our website.

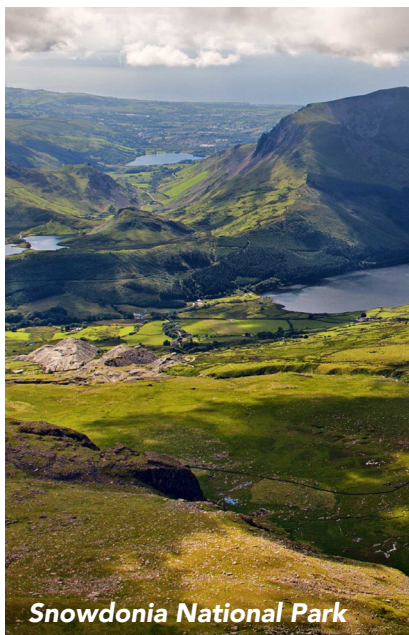
Highlights of Britain

11 DAYS • 10 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

Join us for a classic journey that delves deep into Britain's fascinating history and culture. In England we'll trace the footsteps of famous writers and poets, uncovering the scenic countryside that inspired their greatest works. While in North Wales and Scotland, our journey will take in evocative scenery and dramatic castles – immersing ourselves in age-old traditions as we go.



 Tour Start/End Point  Overnight Stop  Day Stop



Snowdonia National Park




Woodland House Hotel

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore some of Britain's most spectacular regions including the Cotswolds, Snowdonia National Park, the Yorkshire Dales and the Lake District
- Discover the medieval Shambles and Snickelways of York
- Immerse yourself in the grandeur and opulence of Castle Howard

SIGNATURE MOMENT

 *Experience a traditional Scottish dinner*

Savour a memorable farewell dinner at the charming Woodland House Hotel in Dumfries. As well as tucking into traditional delicacies like haggis and tatties, you'll be treated to a private bagpipe performance from a local musician.

INCLUDED MEALS

10 breakfasts, 5 dinners

DEPARTURE DATES

Mar - Oct

Combine this tour with...

- A Scottish Journey
- Enchanting Eastern England
- Corners of Cornwall

For full details, up-to-date availability, pricing and reviews, please see our website.

Corners of Cornwall

8 DAYS • 7 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

From windswept moors and wild coastlines to historic cities and picture-perfect fishing villages, the county of Cornwall is filled with evocative sights and fascinating stories. Join us as we seek out the maritime heritage, rural beauty and culinary pride of this unique corner of South West England on a scenic eight-day tour.



■ Tour Start/End Point ① Overnight Stop ● Day Stop



Falmouth



Tregothnan Estate

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the enchanting medieval church and castle of St Michael's Mount
- Enjoy the charm of historic port towns Falmouth and Port Isaac
- Soak up the wild, jaw-dropping vistas of the Jurassic Coast

SIGNATURE MOMENT

📍 Visit the tea plantation at Tregothnan Estate

Savour a guided tour of Britain's first tea plantation, including strolling around the exquisite estate's lush gardens and rare plum orchards. You'll then get to sample a selection of black teas accompanied by a delicious traditional cream tea.

INCLUDED MEALS

7 breakfasts, 4 dinners

DEPARTURE DATES

Mar - Oct

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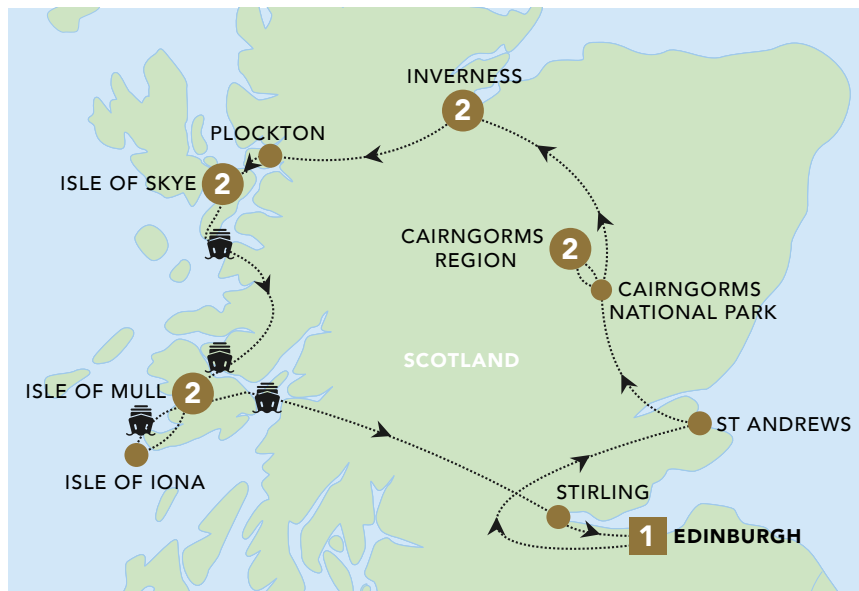
- Highlights of Britain
- Chelsea Flower Show
- Heart of England

For full details, up-to-date availability, pricing and reviews, please see our website.

A Scottish Journey

10 DAYS • 9 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

Towering mountains and enchanting lochs. Dramatic castles and quaint villages. Infamous battles and gripping legends. This Scottish Journey takes us from coastal cities to Hebridean islands, seeking out one-of-a-kind landscapes, mesmerising history and undeniable charm.



■ Tour Start/End Point ① Overnight Stop ● Day Stop



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Uncover the intricacies behind Scottish whisky culture with a tasting experience
- Immerse yourself in the captivating history of Culloden Battlefield
- Savour time exploring the magnificent Cairngorms National Park

SIGNATURE MOMENT

📍 *Stay overnight on the Isle of Mull*

Venture to this breathtaking island in the Inner Hebrides for the night and soak up its incredible natural beauty. During your stay, you'll hop over to nearby Iona: a tiny car-free island that's famed for its tranquility and ancient ruined monastery.

INCLUDED MEALS

9 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 4 dinners

DEPARTURE DATES

Apr - Oct

Combine this tour with...

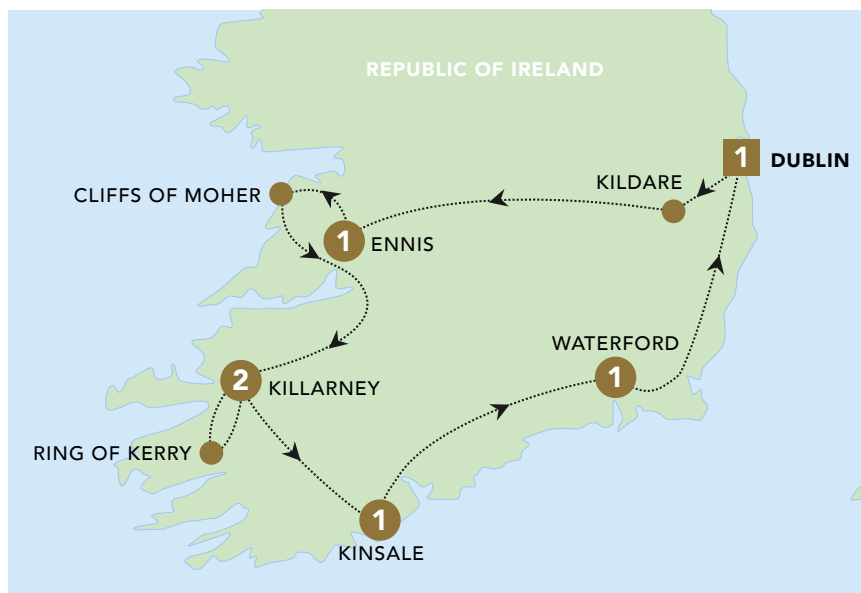
- Highlights of Britain
- Enchanting Eastern England
- Scotland: Lochs and Landscapes

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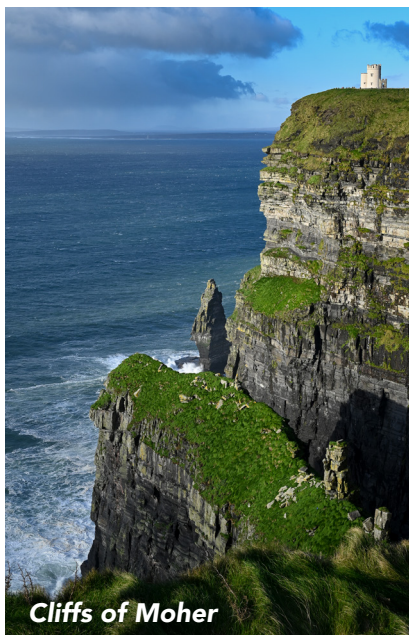
Corners of Southern Ireland

7 DAYS • 6 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

Views of spellbinding scenery. Stories of maritime towns and picture-book villages. Ancient castles steeped in history, and country inns full of character. The further we go into Southern Ireland's enchanting landscapes, the deeper you'll fall under its spell!



■ Tour Start/End Point ① Overnight Stop ● Day Stop



Cliffs of Moher



Molly Gullivan's Cottage

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Molly Gullivan's Cottage and learn the story of a widow who supported her children by brewing illicit whiskey
- Discover a traditional Irish craft as you tour the famous House of Waterford Crystal
- Uncover the magnificent Cliffs of Moher – an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

SIGNATURE MOMENT

★ Visit Molly Gullivan's Cottage

Journey back to the 19th century at this unassuming country cottage where Molly Gullivan once ran an illegal pub. Uncover fascinating stories on a guided tour and enjoy various expert demonstrations, from turf cutting to traditional poitin (whiskey) brewing.

INCLUDED MEALS

6 breakfasts, 3 dinners

DEPARTURE DATES

Apr - Oct

Combine this tour with...

- The Emerald Isle

Chelsea Flower Show

8 DAYS • 7 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

From unique English manor houses, an elegant French château and grand gardens steeped in history and tradition – we'll stop and smell the roses on this leisurely tour of South East England's regal towns and show-stealing stately homes. And the jewel in the crown? A trip to the green-fingered event of the year, the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Chelsea Flower Show.



Worth noting: you can choose between two directions on this tour, Eastbound or Westbound.



Chelsea Flower Show



The Savill Garden

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Wander the fabulous show gardens at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show
- Tour the historic and beautiful Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew
- Enjoy overnight stays in historic royal towns Tunbridge Wells and Windsor

SIGNATURE MOMENT

 Experience a private tour of The Savill Garden

Join an expert guide on a private tour of the 35-acre garden haven. You'll unearth the garden's history, The Queen Elizabeth Temperate House, The Golden Jubilee Garden and fragrant seasonal highlights.

INCLUDED MEALS

7 breakfasts, 3 dinners

DEPARTURE DATES

May

Combine this tour with...

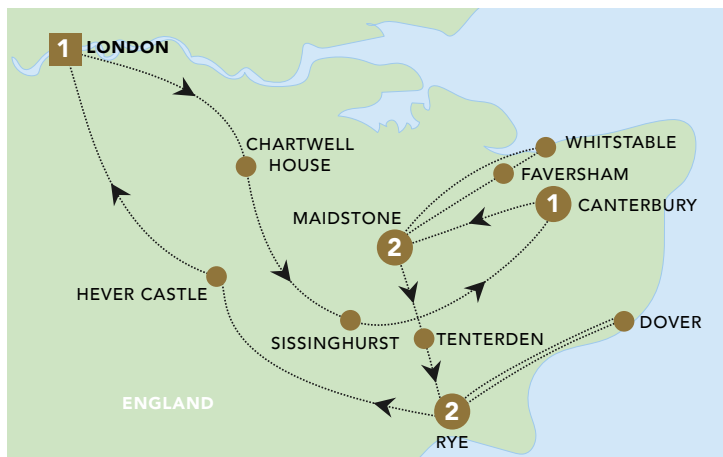
- Corners of Cornwall
- Enchanting Eastern England
- Heart of England

Kent: the Garden of England

7 DAYS • 6 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the iconic castles and gardens of Hever, Leeds, Dover and Sissinghurst
- Delve into the fascinating history of Canterbury Cathedral with a local guide
- Sample celebrated beers at Shepherd Neame, Britain's oldest brewery



SIGNATURE MOMENT

Stay in the grounds of Leeds Castle

Slumber in en-suite rooms lodged inside impeccably renovated stables. You'll also enjoy dinner and breakfasts made from local produce at the estate's 17th-century Castle View Restaurant.

Scotland: Lochs and Landscapes

8 DAYS • 7 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience soul-stirring views on a Highland safari on the Isle of Arran
- Admire the stunning natural beauty of Loch Lomond aboard a scenic cruise
- Visit an 18th century World Heritage Mill Village at New Lanark



SIGNATURE MOMENT

Stay overnight on the Isle of Arran

Spend two nights surrounded by spectacular terrain and friendly locals. You'll adventure through rugged landscapes on a highland safari, spotting unique wildlife along the way.

For full details, up-to-date availability, pricing and reviews, please see our website.

The Wonders of Wales

8 DAYS • 7 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Indulge in a traditional afternoon tea served in a delightful tearoom at the edge of Snowdonia National Park
- Embark on a steam train ride through the spectacular scenery of the Rheidol Valley
- Discover the majestic Gothic architecture of the Bishop's Palace in St Davids



SIGNATURE MOMENT Visit the Big Pit

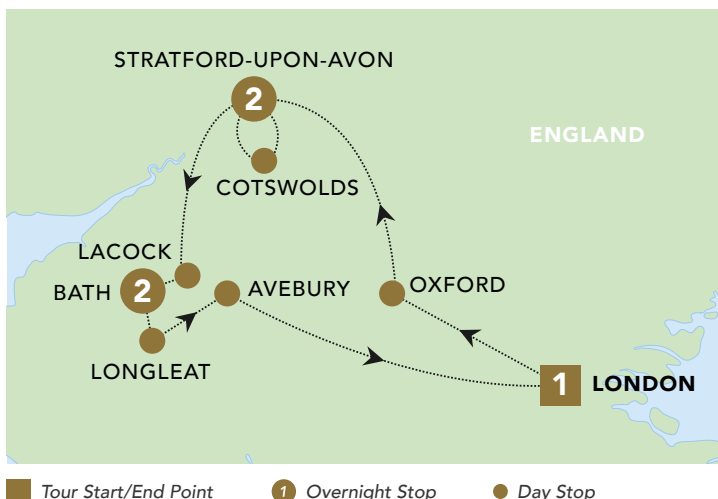
Venture 300 feet underground at the Big Pit National Coal Museum. Hear your guide's tales of their work as a former coal miner as you explore the original underground workings.

Heart of England

6 DAYS • 5 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the childhood home and final resting place of William Shakespeare in Stratford-upon-Avon
- Enjoy high tea at a charming village nestled amongst the Cotswolds
- Discover the rich culture and extraordinary architecture of Bath



SIGNATURE MOMENT Experience high tea in a local lady's house

Sip tea and tuck into freshly-baked treats at a 15th-century family home nestled in the Cotswolds whilst learning about the local area's fascinating history.

For full details, up-to-date availability, pricing and reviews, please see our website.

Enchanting Eastern England

10 DAYS • 9 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Call in at Sandringham Estate, private retreat of The Royal Family
- Experience a unique behind-the-scenes tour at Newmarket National Stud
- Delight in a traditional punting experience along the 'Backs' of Cambridge University



■ Tour Start/End Point 1 Overnight Stop ● Day Stop



SIGNATURE MOMENT

Visit *The National Stud*

Delve into the world of thoroughbred breeding with a behind-the-scenes tour of a working stud farm. As well as learning the history of the stud, you may also witness mares, foals, yearlings and stallions.

London to Paris via the Channel Islands

12 DAYS • 11 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend a day on beautiful Sark, the iconic 'Dark Sky Island'
- Explore the only part of the British Isles to be occupied during WWII
- Wander the enchanting island village of Mont Saint-Michel



■ Tour Start/End Point 1 Overnight Stop ● Day Stop



SIGNATURE MOMENT

Visit *Elizabeth Castle in Jersey*

Explore this magnificent 16th-century fortress, located on a tidal island in St Aubin's Bay. You'll ascend its ancient battlements, wander its grounds and uncover The Hermitage where St Helier supposedly dwelled.

For full details, up-to-date availability, pricing and reviews, please see our website.

Italy and Malta



What our guests say...

"An absolutely wonderful introduction to Italy, my first ever trip to Europe and my first tour with Back-Roads Touring. I found this company has selected the most interesting activities in each region to enjoy, a lovely, varied selection of foods to sample and our accommodation was top notch where friendly staff catered for my needs. I loved the professional Tour Leader Isabelle, her subject knowledge was a living history lesson, her spontaneity, smile and caring nature ably assisted by her driver whose knowledge of every nook, cranny, narrow road driven with care and precision was a highlight."

Wendy S

ITALIAN INDULGENCE

Italian Indulgence

13 DAYS • 12 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

An intoxicating mix of ancient cities and imagination-firing landscapes, Italy is a land where unforgettable experiences lie around every corner. Savour every moment of this adventure as you journey from enchanting Tuscan villages to tranquil lake-side retreats – sampling an abundance of tantalising flavours and local wines along the way.



 Tour Start/End Point  Overnight Stop  Day Stop



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Learn to cook a delicious Tuscan meal in a traditional countryside villa
- Bask in the wonders of Lake Maggiore on a scenic boat tour of the Borromean Islands
- Take in the exquisite scenery and opulent atmosphere of Lake Como

SIGNATURE MOMENT

 Experience a truffle hunt

Venture to the rolling hills of Alba for a private truffle hunting experience, accompanied by a local farmer and his dog. Uncover the mystery of the truffle and challenge yourself to find the local delicacy on a memorable walk through scenic wooded landscapes.

INCLUDED MEALS

12 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners

DEPARTURE DATES

Mar - Nov

Combine this tour with...

- Vistas of Italy and Switzerland
- Adriatic Discovery: Northern Italy, Slovenia and Croatia

For full details, up-to-date availability, pricing and reviews, please see our website.

Splendours of Sicily

10 DAYS • 9 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

Prepare to be unwrapped by Sicily's superb landscapes, intoxicating diversity and ancient wonders. Centuries-old monasteries and Norman churches. Ancient Greek temples and bustling local markets. Sheer gorges and golden beaches. This dazzling Mediterranean island will tantalise your every desire and capture your heart with its fascinating culture.



 Tour Start/End Point  Overnight Stop  Day Stop



Palermo



Prestipino

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Embark on a locally guided walking tour of Palermo and gain a unique insight into the city's anti-Mafia movement
- Discover the fascinating history behind the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Valley of Temples
- Unlock the exotic and eclectic flavours of Sicilian cuisine with several unique tasting experiences

SIGNATURE MOMENT

 **Experience**
cannoli filling

Visit Prestipino, the oldest pâtisserie in Catania, and discover the classic Italian pastry with a crispy shell and sweet ricotta filling. Enjoy a hands-on cannoli filling experience guided by a master pastry chef and indulge in a delicious tasting, savouring some typical Catanese sweets.

INCLUDED MEALS

9 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners

DEPARTURE DATES

Mar - Nov

You may also like...

- Secrets of Puglia

Tuscan Treats

8 DAYS • 7 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

A wonderful blend of idyllic countryside and ancient towns, beautiful architecture and delectable food, Tuscany makes for an unforgettable holiday destination. On this leisurely tour we'll seek out world-renowned treasures, explore hidden gems and become culinary connoisseurs as we fall head over heels for this exquisite Italian region.



 Tour Start/End Point  Overnight Stop  Day Stop



Volterra



Fattoria degli Usignoli

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the mysterious medieval town of Volterra
- Unlock the secrets of Tuscan cuisine with a cooking class set amongst the romantic Chianti region
- Indulge in a delectable cheese and wine tasting at a local shop in Pienza

SIGNATURE MOMENT

 Stay overnight at Fattoria degli Usignoli in Tuscany

Spend your final night at this unique hotel in rural Tuscany. Built by the monks of Vallambrosa in the 15th century, it affords breathtaking views of the Chianti and Valdarno regions. Snooze in exquisitely designed rooms and spend your free time relaxing by the idyllic outdoor swimming pool.

INCLUDED MEALS

7 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners

DEPARTURE DATES

Mar - Nov

You may also like...

- Enchanting Southern Italy
- Secrets of Puglia

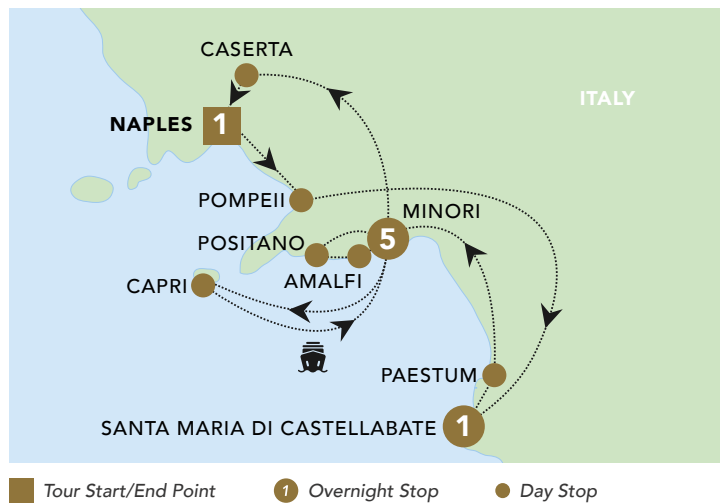
For full details, up-to-date availability, pricing and reviews, please see our website.

Enchanting Southern Italy

8 DAYS • 7 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the exquisite 18th-century Royal Palace of Caserta
- Visit a lemon grove near sleepy Minori and indulge in a zesty tasting spread
- Spend a day exploring the breath-taking and idyllic island of Capri



SIGNATURE MOMENT

Visit a local buffalo farm

Learn about native Italian cheese in Paestum. You'll observe the careful preparation of light, fresh mozzarella, view the farm's resident buffalos and enjoy a tasting of the delicacy's unique flavours.

Secrets of Puglia

8 DAYS • 7 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Immerse yourself in the fascinating history of the *Sassi di Matera* cave dwellings
- Sample the rich flavours of Manduria's famous Primitivo wines with a local tasting
- Explore the awe-inspiring expanse of Castellana Caves



SIGNATURE MOMENT

Stay in a magical cave hotel in Matera

Spend the final night of your escape snoozing in a converted cave in UNESCO World Heritage, Matera. You'll stay in the intimate Hotel Sassi which affords breathtaking views of Matera's 16th century skyline.

For full details, up-to-date availability, pricing and reviews, please see our website.

Vistas of Italy and Switzerland

9 DAYS • 8 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Learn the traditions of authentic Italian cuisine with a cooking class in the Franciacorta region
- Experience scenic train journeys on two of the great alpine railways: the Bernina Express and the Glacier Express
- Observe a traditional mask-decorating demonstration in the magnificent floating city of Venice



 Tour Start/End Point  Overnight Stop  Day Stop



SIGNATURE MOMENT

Experience a scenic train ride in the Swiss Alps

Journey from Tirano to Engadin Valley aboard the Bernina Express, soaking up majestic views of the Alps on one of Europe's most picturesque train routes.

Malta Highlights

8 DAYS • 7 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Uncover the rich history and magnificent Baroque architecture of Valletta with a local guide
- Enjoy a scenic cruise around the breathtaking Blue Grotto
- Explore the fortified medieval city of Mdina



 Tour Start/End Point  Overnight Stop  Day Stop



SIGNATURE MOMENT

Visit the Blue Grotto

Embark on a locally-guided boat tour to a Maltese natural wonder tucked away on the island's south east coast. There, you'll glide over cobalt-hued waters and marvel the grotto's network of sea caves.

For full details, up-to-date availability, pricing and reviews, please see our website.

Spain, Portugal and Morocco



What our guests say...

"The tour was fantastic. We had a great group of 15 people and all got on well with each other. This was our third group tour and the first one with Back-Roads Touring. We rated it as the best one. Our guide and driver were the best. We felt like one big family."

Janet P

IBERIAN INSPIRATION

Iberian Inspiration

12 DAYS • 11 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

East meets West and past meets present: Spain and Portugal offer a heady mix of treasures, from Arabic palaces and Roman temples to Catholic cathedrals and Jewish synagogues. Join us as we take to the scenic back roads on this journey into the heart of ancient Iberia.



■ Tour Start/End Point ① Overnight Stop ● Day Stop



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the historic charm of Córdoba, Granada, Úbeda, Estremoz and Ronda with stays in charming old town hotels
- Sample authentic *jamón ibérico* at a traditional farm in Sierra de Aracena
- Enjoy a traditional flamenco show in Seville

SIGNATURE MOMENT

★ Visit a family-owned winery in Valdepeñas

Spend a few hours savouring the full-bodied wines this region of Spain has to offer. You'll also tuck into a delicious lunch, prepared with local ingredients by the family, on the winery's shaded patio.

INCLUDED MEALS

11 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners

DEPARTURE DATES

Mar - Nov

Combine this tour with...

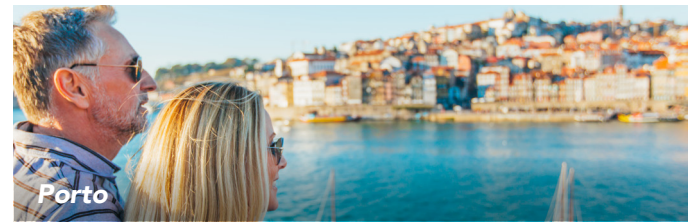
- Discover Portugal

Discover Portugal

10 DAYS • 9 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a scenic ride along the Douro River in a traditional rabelo boat
- Indulge in a tasting of delicious locally produced cheeses near Viseu
- Explore the wonderfully atmospheric and history-laden streets of Coimbra



SIGNATURE MOMENT

Stay at the Cooking & Nature Emotional Hotel in Alvalados

Spend two nights at this beautiful boutique hotel set within Serras D'Aire e Candeeiros Natural Park. You'll slumber in individually-designed rooms and indulge in a sumptuous local cookery class.

A Taste of the Camino: Porto to Bilbao

7 DAYS • 6 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Immerse yourself in the enchanting UNESCO World Heritage-listed Old Town of Santiago de Compostela
- Savour a local wine tasting and locally prepared lunch in the heart of Spain's Castile & León region
- Admire the stunning natural landscape of Picos de Europa National Park



SIGNATURE MOMENT

Experience the Fuente Dé cable car

Ascend the rugged peaks of Picos de Europa National Park in the Fuente Dé cable car to a panoramic viewpoint where you'll savour astounding vistas of the park and surrounding countryside.

For full details, up-to-date availability, pricing and reviews, please see our website.

Highlights of Northern Spain

10 DAYS • 9 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Master the art of Spanish cuisine with a traditional cooking class in Pamplona
- Explore the magnificent Salt Mines of Cardona
- Experience the coastal charm and gastronomical delights of San Sebastián



SIGNATURE MOMENT
 Stay in a former 17th-century monastery in Boltaña

Spend the night in the atmospheric and highly historic Barceló Monasterio de Boltaña. You'll slumber in spacious rooms and enjoy a sumptuous dinner in the hotel's impressive arched-roof restaurant.

Majestic Morocco

13 DAYS • 12 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend the night amidst the dunes of the Sahara Desert at an authentic Berber camp
- Rest your head in a traditional riad for two nights in Fes
- Learn how to cook a sumptuous Moroccan meal at a local women's co-operative in Aït Benhaddou



SIGNATURE MOMENT
 Stay in the Sahara Desert

Experience a memorable evening at an authentic Berber camp. You'll ride through sandy dunes on a camel, listen to traditional music and savour Moroccan dishes freshly prepared by your Berber hosts.

For full details, up-to-date availability, pricing and reviews, please see our website.

France and Battlefields



What our guests say...

"We loved everything about this tour. The guides, the landscapes, the food, the special tours, the itinerary!! We discovered beautiful medieval towns, tasted local wines and cheeses, and drove through the French Alps!"

Carol Y

PARIS TO NICE THROUGH VINEYARDS AND MOUNTAINS

Beaune, France

Paris to Nice through Vineyards and Mountains

12 DAYS • 11 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

Glasses glinting with bubbles and rich red wines; windows opening out on soaring mountain ranges and charming villages brimming with fragrant fields of flowers. Join us on a voyage through quintessential France – and discover the history, cuisine and landscapes that make this beautiful country unique.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Admire the exceptional 15th-century French architecture at the Hospices de Beaune
- Indulge in a plenitude of local tastings as we travel through famed wine-growing regions Champagne and Burgundy, including a sumptuous picnic in a vineyard
- Witness breath-taking scenery in Anancy and Chamonix

SIGNATURE MOMENT

 Visit a traditional fromagerie in the French Alps

Learn about traditional cheese making at a local fromagerie. Explore the workshop on a guided tour and sample a selection of regional cheeses with a glass of local wine.

INCLUDED MEALS

11 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 5 dinners

DEPARTURE DATES

Apr - Oct

Combine this tour with...

- Provence and the French Riviera

La Belle France

10 DAYS • 9 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

Step into a land of renowned artists and royal crusaders, hilltop monasteries and valley castles. This tour takes us from France's dramatic northern shores to château-sprinkled countryside, breaking off to see WWII sites, explore centuries-old villages and sample home-grown delicacies.




 Tour Start/End Point  Overnight Stop  Day Stop



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Wander the enchanting island village of Mont Saint-Michel
- Enjoy a tasting session at a local winery in the Loire Valley
- Be inspired by the vivid colours of Claude Monet's estate in Giverny

SIGNATURE MOMENT

 Stay two nights in charming Honfleur

Fully explore one of Normandy's most beautiful towns and an inspiration for impressionist painters with a relaxing two-night stay. Immerse yourself in local life at the traditional market, discover beautiful historical buildings and wander along the vibrant 17th-century harbour, all at your own leisure.

INCLUDED MEALS

9 breakfasts, 5 dinners

DEPARTURE DATES

Apr - Oct

You may also like...

- WWI Battlefields
- Jewels of Southwest France
- London to Paris via the Channel Islands

Provence and the French Riviera

8 DAYS • 7 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a picnic lunch and taste delicious produce at an olive farm
- Marvel at the extraordinary Gorges du Verdon: the 'Grand Canyon of Europe'
- Experience the mesmerising Carrières de Lumières multimedia art show in Les Baux-de-Provence



 Tour Start/End Point  Overnight Stop  Day Stop



SIGNATURE MOMENT

Experience a picnic lunch in an olive grove

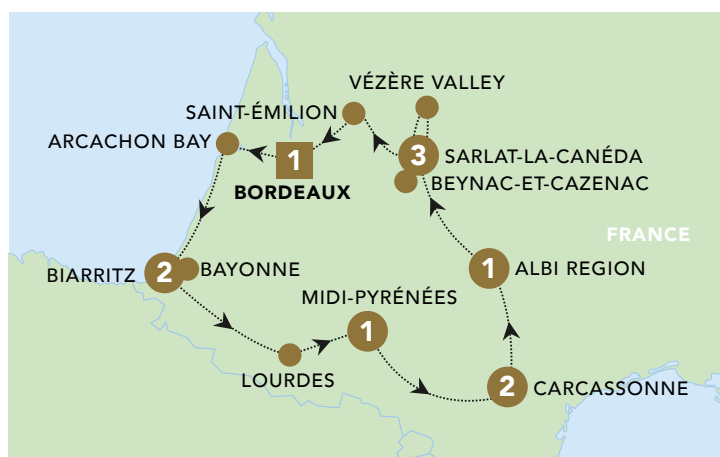
Savour fresh Provençal delicacies, enjoy the beautiful alfresco setting and admire the rugged Alpilles range that lies in the distance.

Jewels of Southwest France

11 DAYS • 10 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Savour the tantalising flavours of fresh Arcachon Bay oysters, Bayonne ham and world-famous Bordeaux reds
- Admire the famous prehistoric paintings of the UNESCO-protected Lascaux Cave at Lascaux II
- Visit the UNESCO-listed medieval citadel of Carcassonne



 Tour Start/End Point  Overnight Stop  Day Stop



SIGNATURE MOMENT

Visit Périgord for a truffle experience

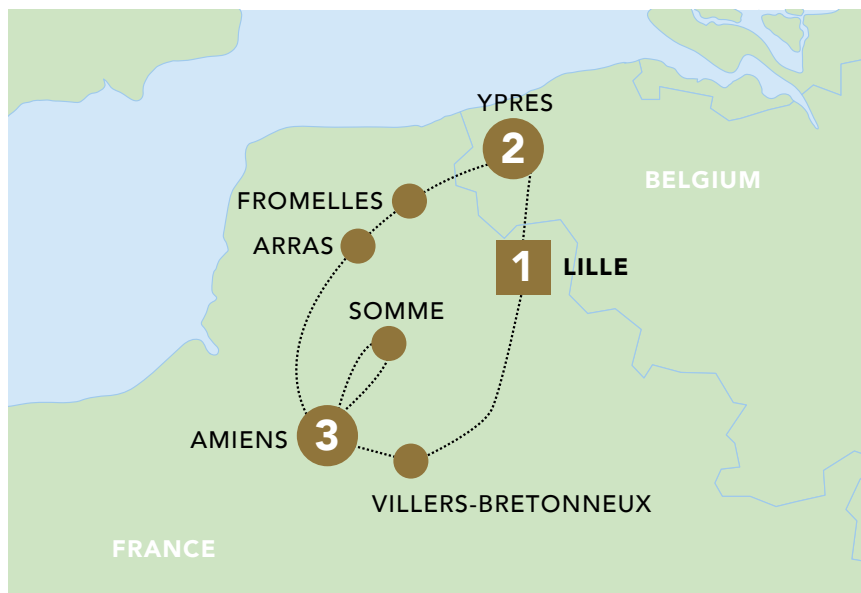
Discover the fascinating history of the region's local speciality and watch a truffle-hunting demonstration before savouring the intense flavours of the local Croustous with a glass of walnut wine.

For full details, up-to-date availability, pricing and reviews, please see our website.

ANZAC on the Western Front: Dawn Service

7 DAYS • 6 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

From the trenches of Ypres to monuments marking The Somme, our ANZAC tour delves into the stories of the soldiers' involvement in the battles of the Western Front. With poignant visits to cemeteries and national memorials, this history-themed journey is perfect for those wishing to learn more about their countrymen who fought and died in the Great War.



 Tour Start/End Point  Overnight Stop  Day Stop

Worth noting: you can choose between two directions on this tour, Northbound or Southbound.



Ypres



Wellington Quarries

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Attend a poignant ANZAC Day Service in Villers-Bretonneux
- Delve into the Australian story on the Western Front at the Franco-Australian Museum
- Visit the Wellington Quarries – a network of underground tunnels dug by the New Zealand Tunnelling Company

SIGNATURE MOMENT

 **Visit the Wellington Tunnels in Arras**

Gain emotional insight into the lives of ANZAC soldiers as you uncover a fascinating network of underground tunnels, learning about the Battle of Arras and exploring chalk quarries along the way.

INCLUDED MEALS

6 breakfasts, 2 dinners

DEPARTURE DATES

Apr

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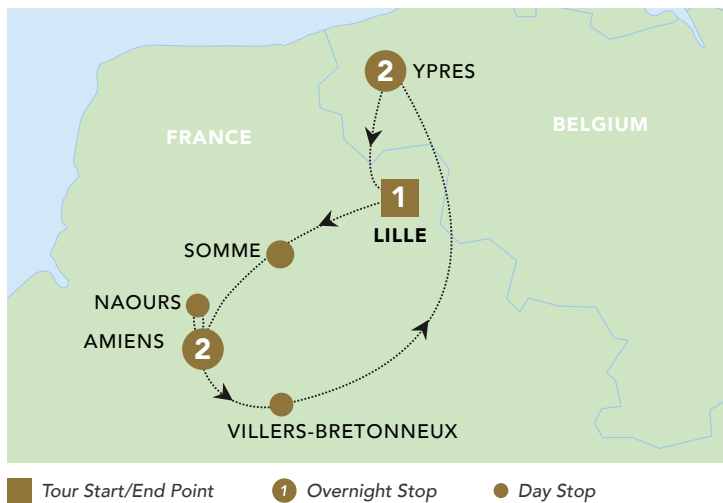
- WWI Battlefields
- ANZAC on the Western Front

WWI Battlefields

6 DAYS • 5 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Have the opportunity to pay your respects at your relatives' graves with visits to significant sites
- Receive a fascinating insight into the lives of WWI soldiers at the Underground City of Naours
- Attend the playing of the Last Post under the famous Menin Gate in Ypres



SIGNATURE MOMENT

Visit the Underground City in Naours

Embark on a fascinating tour of one of Northern France's largest cave networks once used by British forces, and uncover their tales through the greatest collection of WWI inscriptions on the Western Front.

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The Adriatic



What our guests say...

"Tour Leader, Elaine, is the Greek goddess of travel. She is wonderful as noted by ratings. I would tour with her and Back-Roads again."

Colin T

GREECE: LEGENDS AND LANDSCAPES

Greece: Legends and Landscapes

12 DAYS • 11 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

Step into a world of myth and magic. Where ancient art and culture flourished. Philosophy was founded. And gods were made. From awe-inspiring archaeological sites to sleepy towns and coastal treasures, Greece rewards with every twist in the journey. Shrouded in secrets and stories, the legend lives on in this 12-day adventure.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Learn from the masters in a traditional Greek cooking class
- Discover the charms of Naxos, an authentic gem within the Cyclades islands
- Uncover the secrets of sacred Delphi – a UNESCO World Heritage Site

SIGNATURE MOMENT

★ Stay two nights in Gytheio

Spend some time uncovering the secrets of authentic Gytheio, a preserved port town perched on hill slopes along a natural bay. Enjoy breathtaking views, discover local landmarks, swim in crystal-clear waters and tuck into fresh fish in traditional Greek taverns.

INCLUDED MEALS

11 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 5 dinners

DEPARTURE DATES

Mar - Nov

You may also like...

- Tuscan Treats
- Enchanting Southern Italy
- Iberian Inspiration

For full details, up-to-date availability, pricing and reviews, please see our website.

Adriatic Discovery: Northern Italy, Slovenia and Croatia

10 DAYS • 9 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

Join us as we travel the back roads through plunging gorges and soaring mountains; discovering clifftop fortresses and Riviera-style villages; tasting delicious local wines and savouring countless regional specialities along the way. This journey through Northern Italy, Slovenia and Croatia captures the beautiful diversity of these three mesmerising countries and is sure to be one to remember.



 Tour Start/End Point  Overnight Stop  Day Stop



Bassano del Grappa



Lake Bled

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Savour a unique wine tasting experience at the Poli Grappa Museum in Bassano del Grappa
- Take in the scenery on a traditional *pletna* boat across Lake Bled in Slovenia
- Explore the beauty of Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

SIGNATURE MOMENT

 Experience a traditional *pletna* boat ride on Lake Bled

Soak up Slovenia's most famous lake during a round-trip excursion to tiny Bled Island. You'll venture across the water in a *pletna*: a traditional handmade boat similar to a gondola. Once on the island, there'll be time to explore its magnificent 17th-century chapel.

INCLUDED MEALS

9 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners

DEPARTURE DATES

Apr - Nov

Combine this tour with...

- Croatia and the Dalmatian Coast

Croatia and the Dalmatian Coast

10 DAYS • 9 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

Golden-roofed towns and pristine national parks; tranquil islands lapped by turquoise waters; ancient sites and time-honoured traditions. Our ten-day tour of South Croatia and Montenegro takes in all this and more, inviting you to discover one of Europe's most enticing destinations.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Krka National Park's maze of mesmerising waterfalls and crystalline lakes with a local guide
- Uncover the fascinating tales behind Our Lady of the Rock islet in the Bay of Kotor
- Savour the distinct flavours of Croatian cuisine with a cooking demonstration and dinner in Korčula

SIGNATURE MOMENT

Visit Croatia's Krka National Park

Spend a couple of hours exploring Croatia's lesser-known but no less beautiful Krka National Park with a local guide. You'll venture past mesmerising waterfalls and soak up extraordinary vistas of sparkling crystalline lakes.

INCLUDED MEALS

9 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 4 dinners

DEPARTURE DATES

Apr - Nov

Combine this tour with...

- Adriatic Discovery: Northern Italy, Slovenia and Croatia

For full details, up-to-date availability, pricing and reviews, please see our website.

Scandinavia



What our guests say...

"Both my husband and I thought our Tour Leader was exceptional in all aspects of the tour; planning, knowledge, especially passion about Norway, working around seasonal changes, and organisation!"

Vickie S

NORWAY: FJORDS AND GLACIERS

Norway: Fjords and Glaciers

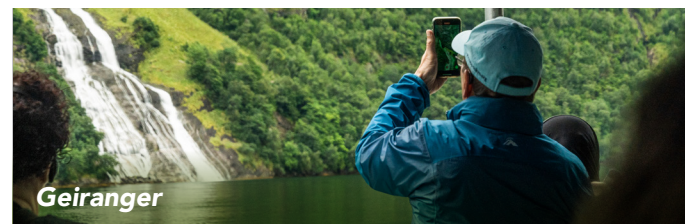
9 DAYS • 8 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Soak up the dramatic landscapes and rugged natural beauty of the world-famous Flåm Railway
- Enjoy a scenic cruise on the Geiranger Fjord – taking in the spectacular Seven Sister waterfalls along the way
- Learn about Norwegian salmon farming and sample the local produce on a visit to Hardangerfjord Akvasenter



 Tour Start/End Point  Overnight Stop  Day Stop



SIGNATURE MOMENT

Visit a local salmon farm in Hardangerfjord

Savour an educational, culinary experience where you'll learn about the region's farming traditions and the fish themselves. You'll then sample delicious fresh salmon straight from its source.

A Scandinavian Journey: Denmark to Sweden

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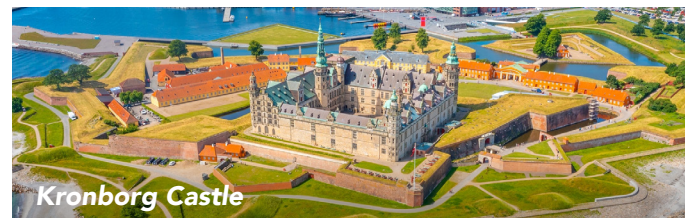
11 DAYS • 10 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel back in time as you discover genuine Viking ships at The Viking Ship Museum
- Ferry to the traditional, idyllic Swedish fishing village of Hönö
- Explore Kronborg Castle, the dazzling inspiration behind Shakespeare's Elsinor in *Hamlet*



 Tour Start/End Point  Overnight Stop  Day Stop



SIGNATURE MOMENT

Visit the picturesque town of Skagen

At Denmark's northernmost town, you'll unearth Råbjergmølle, the country's largest migrating coastal dune, and Den Tilsandede Kirke - a fascinating 14th-century church partially covered by sand.

For full details, up-to-date availability, pricing and reviews, please see our website.

Central and Eastern Europe



What our guests say...

"Such an amazing way to see the hidden gems of this part of the world. The tour was a very nice and easy way to explore a region I've always wanted to visit. The hotels were comfortable and well located. I loved Tour Leader Kinga's way of telling us the history and how it related to her own experiences growing up in the region."

Ashish S

EXPLORE EASTERN EUROPE

Kraków, Poland

Explore Eastern Europe

10 DAYS • 9 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

A land of ancient cities, time-honoured culinary customs and ever-changing landscapes, Eastern Europe rewards those ready to explore. Discover the highlights of the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland on a memorable tour of this beautifully diverse region.



 Tour Start/End Point  Overnight Stop  Day Stop



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Make authentic Polish pierogi dumplings at a traditional cookery class in Kraków
- Savour a sweet wine tasting in Hungary's world-famous Tokaj wine region
- Uncover the historic landmarks of UNESCO World Heritage-listed Český Krumlov

SIGNATURE MOMENT

 Experience a Pierogi making class

Take tips from a chef at a local restaurant in Kraków as you learn how to make Pierogi dumplings, a delicious local delicacy filled with cabbage, mushroom, quark and pork meat or potato. Afterwards, you'll devour an authentic Polish dinner made up of your delicious creations.

INCLUDED MEALS

9 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners

DEPARTURE DATES

Apr - Oct

You may also like...

- A Journey through Germany
- Alpine Escape: Germany, Austria and Italy

For full details, up-to-date availability, pricing and reviews, please see our website.

A Journey through Germany

9 DAYS • 8 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a beer tasting at Weltenburg Abbey, the world's oldest monastic brewery
- Immerse yourself in the breathtaking scenery of the Ammergau Alps
- Unravel the fascinating history behind some of Germany's magnificent medieval towns



SIGNATURE MOMENT

Visit Weltenburg Abbey

Discover the oldest monastery brewery in the world, nestled along the banks of Danube River. You'll embark on a guided tour, before sampling the famous local beers in picturesque surroundings.

Romania: Mountains to Monasteries

9 DAYS • 8 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Relish the sweet taste of homemade brandy during a distillery tour
- Visit the perfectly preserved UNESCO World Heritage city of Sighisoara
- Experience the charm of Brasov, the gem of the Carpathian Mountains



SIGNATURE MOMENT

Visit Bran Castle

Embark on a guided tour through the rooms of the spectacular fortress, also known as Dracula's Castle. As well as admiring Bran Castle's magnificent interior, you'll learn about its associations with Dracula.

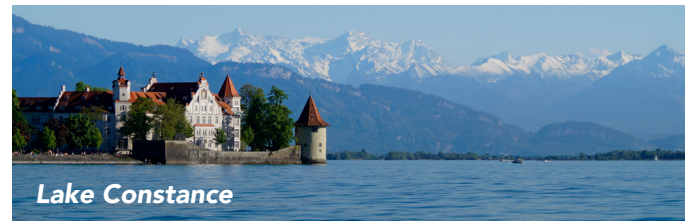
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Alpine Escape: Germany, Austria and Italy

10 DAYS • 9 NIGHTS • UP TO 18 GUESTS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Wander the colourful, picturesque streets of Innsbruck, nestled in the Austrian Alps
- Cruise the tranquil waters of Lake Constance, visiting UNESCO site Unteruhldingen along the way
- Stay in the magnificent Cortina d'Ampezzo, proudly known as the Queen of the Dolomites



SIGNATURE MOMENT

Visit tiny Liechtenstein

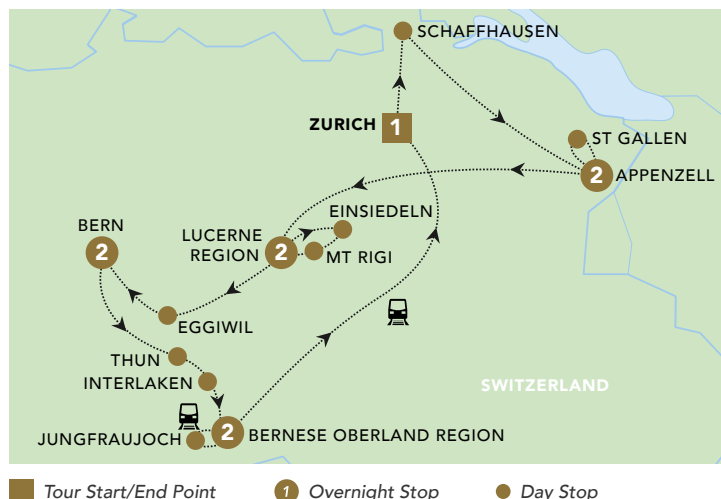
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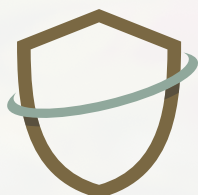
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Frequently asked questions

Is Back-Roads for you?

I have some health issues. Will this be a problem?

If you can manage your health issue without needing additional care or facilities, and it does not present a risk to others, we should be able to accommodate you. If you are unsure, please check the Dietary, Health and Special Requirement section of our Terms and Conditions or contact Customer Service or your travel agent.

How much driving is there on Back-Roads tours?

We design our tours so that we spend limited time on the mini-coach, travelling along the scenic route wherever possible. Inevitably, there are days when traversing between locations may involve more mileage and motorway driving. Generally, driving time will not last more than four hours per day.

Hotels

Do the hotels have lifts (elevators)?

Most of the hotels we use do not have lifts. For this reason, we recommend you only join a Back-Roads tour if you are able to walk upstairs unassisted. You are required to inform us about any pre-existing medical conditions and/or mobility challenges that could affect your trip via our self-assessment form.

What rating of hotel do you use?

We use a 3-star/4-star standard of accommodation ranging from country inns to town centre hotels (and the odd castle!). Rather than subscribing to the official rating, we base our choices on quality, charm and character. All rooms include en-suite bathrooms.

If I'm travelling alone, can I share a room with another person?

While you won't be able to share a room with another single traveller, we do offer a very reasonable single supplement rate on all our tours.

Can Back-Roads arrange pre- and post-tour accommodation in the cities of arrival and departure?

Yes, you can request us to arrange pre- and post-accommodation. Please note, all tours start at 6pm on Day 1 of your tour. Therefore, you may not require pre-tour accommodation. Most tours end in the early evening. We cannot take you to the airport and we suggest you return home the day after your tour to ensure you don't miss your flight due to unforeseen circumstances. Please contact our Customer Service team or your travel agent for more information.

What's included/not included in a Back-Roads tour?

The following aspects are included in the overall price:

- Breakfasts, lunches and dinners as indicated by (B), (L) and (D) in the itineraries
- Entrance fees to sites listed within the itinerary

Some costs, however, are not covered. These include:

- Airfares, unless specified in the listed inclusions
- Transfers, unless specified in the listed inclusions
- Meals not specified in the listed inclusions
- Driver/Tour Leader gratuity (given at your discretion)
- Social drinks
- Items of a personal nature
- Entrance fees not listed in the tour itinerary
- Incidental expenses (such as hotel room service charges)
- Laundry costs
- Shipping charges for the return of purchases made
- Charges for the return of property lost on tour
- Pre- and post-tour accommodation

How much luggage can I bring?

As we travel in mini-coaches, luggage space is limited. You can bring the following:



1 X small bag
45x36x20cm



1 X suitcase
56x45x25cm
20 KG

If you have more luggage, please store it prior to joining your tour. **We are unable to carry extra luggage on the mini-coach.**

Peace of mind

Are the tours always guaranteed to run?

As a general rule, we guarantee our tours when we have at least seven guests booked. Guaranteed tours are identified with a **G** on our website via individual Dates and Prices pages; our Customer Service team or your travel agent will also be able to advise you of a tour's ongoing status.

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